

guanidinobenzoic acid and its salts and derivatives; TLCK; TPCK; tranexamic acid; and mixtures thereof.

38. The article of claim 37, wherein the substance is selected from soybean trypsin inhibitor, aprotinin, hexamidine, p-aminobenzamidine, leupeptin, pepstatin A, chymostatin, derivatives of guanidinobenzoic acid, and mixtures thereof.

39. A method for reducing the proteolytic enzyme activity of a fecal protease present in an absorbent article, comprising the steps of (i) incorporating a protease inhibitor into at least a portion of an absorbent article in contact with feces; and (ii) applying the article to a wearer such that the protease inhibitor contacts a fecal protease.

40. A method for reducing the proteolytic enzyme activity of fecal proteases on a portion of the skin in contact with an absorbent article, comprising the steps of (i) releasably incorporating a protease inhibitor into a delivery system in the absorbent article wherein the delivery system is capable of delivering the inhibitor to at least a portion of the skin of a wearer of the article, and (ii) applying the absorbent article to the skin of the wearer.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is presented. Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application in light of the Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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